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	SON P. HUYNH	2623	

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 05/05/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 14, and 21 that have been renumbered as 1-3.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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/Son P Huynh/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2623

August 22, 2008

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 6/16/2008 has been entered.

Drawings

2. The drawings were received on May 14, 2007. These drawings are acceptable.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Dr. Louis P. Herzberg (Reg. No. 41,500) on August 22, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 2-13, 15-20 have been canceled.

In Claim 1:

lines 2-7, the limitation "browserless broadcast system which includes: providing a transmitting unit for compressing video data in accordance with a predetermined compression scheme and transmitting the compressed data; and providing a receiving unit for receiving and decoding the transmitted video data and directly transmitting the data to a video display device, the method further comprising the steps of:" has been replaced as – **broadcast system which includes a transmitting unit for compressing video data in accordance with a predetermined compression scheme and transmitting the compressed video data, and a receiving unit for receiving and decoding the transmitted video data and directly transmitting the decoded video data to a video display device, the method comprising the steps of: --**

line 12, the limitation "decoded data" has been replaced as -- **decoded video data—**

line 15, the limitation "other web pages and the like." has been replaced as – **other web pages; wherein:**

said predetermined compressed scheme is an MPEG-2 standard;

said step of converting a web page comprises providing the link to the video data on the basis of a link provided to the web page, wherein providing the link to the video data comprises: extracting a web address linked to the link provided to the web page, and placing the link to the video data on the basis of the position of the link provided to the web page;

said step of transmitting the compressed video data comprises transmitting the compressed video data and information about the link to the video data;

said step of receiving and decoding the transmitted video data comprises:

decoding the received video data;

transmitting the decoded video data to the video display device, and

establishing an association between the information about the link provided to the received video data and a position of a cursor in the video data transmitted to the video display device;

said video data includes audio data when said web page includes voice or sound; and

sending link information to the transmitting unit when any one link provided to the video data transmitted to the video display device is selected; and

transmitting a web page linked to the selected link from the Internet to the transmitting unit.

In Claim 14:

lines 1-3, the limitation “a program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for browsing the web, said method steps comprising the steps of claim 1” has been replaced as –

a program storage device readable by a machine, encoded with a computer program containing instructions being executed by the machine to perform the method of claim 1. –

In Claim 21:

line 2, the limitation “receiving terminal” has been replaced as – **a browserless receiving terminal—**

lines 3-4, the limitation “an application server in the transmitting unit link areas to convert a web page transmitted from the Internet into video data of an image and sends the video data, said server” has been replaced as -- **an application server in the transmitting unit link areas converts a web page transmitted from the Internet into video data of an image and sends the video data, said application server –**

line 9, the limitation "of the selected link areas" has been replaced as -- **of selected link areas--**

line 14, the limitation "web pages and the like" has been replaced as -- **web pages—**

line 17, the limitation "a web page" has been replaced as -- **the web page—**

lines 20-22, the limitation "further comprises: a receiving terminal to output the video data of the image to a television; an MPU of an STB" has been replaced as -- **the browserless receiving terminal to output the video data of the image to a television; and a microprocessor unit (MPU) of a set top box (STB)—**

lines 23-24, the limitation "said receiving terminal" has been replaced as -- **said browserless receiving terminal—**

lines 31 -38, the limitation "and combines the link information and the video data of the image compressed in accordance with the MPEG 2 standard with other MPEG 2 data, EPG, and the like in the multiplexer, and then transmitted from the transmitter to form multiplexed data, receive and transmit the multiplexed data to a demultiplexer; the demultiplexer to send link information to the MPU while sending video data and audio data of the image to the MPEG2 decoder; outputting means to output video data and audio data decoded by the decoder is outputted to a television" has been replaced as -- **and combines the link information and the video data of the image compressed in accordance**

with the MPEG-2 standard with other MPEG-2 data, EPG data in the multiplexer to form multiplexed data, the multiplexed data then transmitted from a transmitter to a demultiplexer;

the demultiplexer sends link information to the MPU while sending video data and audio data of the image to the MPEG-2 decoder;

outputting means for outputting video data and audio data decoded by the decoder to a television—

line 39, the limitation “the input device” has been replaced as – **an input device –**

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1, 14, and 21 are allowed in view of amendments to the claims and applicant’s arguments.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SON P. HUYNH whose telephone number is (571)272-7295. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 - 6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher S. Kelley can be reached on 571-272-7331. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

/Son P Huynh/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2623

August 26, 2008